Sanchar Nigam Limited (BSNL) tn the Jammu and Kashmir Telecom Circle, North-East and Assam Telecom Circles on security considerations.

**MTNL's decision to provide fund to Maharashtra Krishna Valley Corporation**

906. SHRI SANJAY NIRUPAM: Willthe Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether MTNL has given Rs. 250 crore to Maharashtra Krishna Valley Corporation recently; and

(b) if so, the terms and conditions of the fund transfer, the justification therefor?

THE MINISTER *Of* STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (SHRIMATI SUMITRA MAHAJAN): (a) Yes. Sir.

(b) MTNL has invested Rs.250 crore in the Secured Redeemable Non-convertible Bonds of Maharashtra Krishna Valley Corporation which are unconditionally and irrevocably guaranteed by Govemment of Maharashtra. This investment was made in May, 2002.

investment decision of MTNL is based on sound commercial judgement.

Key terms and conditions of this investment are annexed as Statement.

***Statement***

*Details of key terms and conditions of the investment*

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| Interest | 11.5% payable annually |
| Maturity | At the end of 10 years |
| Face/Maturity value of Bonds | Rs. 1 lac |
| Credit enhancement | Unconditional and irrevocable guarantee from Government of Maharashtra for timely payment of interest and repayment of principal on maturity. |
| | Escrow arrangement with State Bank of India for debt servicing. |

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| Liquidity | Trading in secondary market through proposed listing on National Stock Exchange. |

**Restriction on 180, 19? and 198 services of Fatehpur Exchange**

†907. SHRI KHAN GHUFRAN ZAHIDI: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have ordered to suspend the call booking service on 180 from Fatehpur {U.P.) exchange and to connect it from Kanpur and has limited the services on 197 and 198 upto 8.00 p.m.; and

(b) if so, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE INTHE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (SHRIMATI SUMITRA MAHAJAN): (a) and (b) 180 Trunk Booking Service has been rerouted to Kanpur Computerized Digital Trunk Manual Exchange for the optimal traffic management & the proper utilization of manpower. 197 Service of Fatehpur SSA is being operated round the clock at Fatehpur. The computerized Fault Repair Service '198' with Interactive Voice Response System (IVRS) is working at Fatehpur Telephone exchange round the clock.

**Post Offices with speed post facility in Maharashtra**

908. SHRI SATISH PRADHAN: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) the number of post offices with speed post facility presently operating in Maharashtra, district-wise;

(b) whether Government propose to set up more speed post centres to cope up with the increasing demand; and

(c) if so, by when and the locations where these centres are likely to be set up?

THE MINISTER OF STATE INTHE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (DR. SANJAY PASWAN): (a) The

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.